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Summary Table of Major and Minor Issues

Corridor Intersection SR 365 @:	Challenges & Issues	
	Major Issue(s)	Minor Issue(s)
Jesse Jewell Parkway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Access to Businesses
Ramsey Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on Roadway (trucks) • Traffic Congestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway Signage/Informational Devices
White Sulphur Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage/Informational Devices • Safe Access to Businesses
Cagle Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage/Informational Devices • Safe Access to Businesses
SR 52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage/Informational Devices • Safe Access to Businesses • Bike and Pedestrian Safety
Athens Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Safety on Roadway
Belton Bridge Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Safety on Roadway • Signage/Informational Devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer Acceleration Lanes Needed
Tribble Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on Roadway
Mud Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Safety on Roadway • Signage/Informational Devices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
Crane Mill Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Congestion • Signage/Informational Devices (Yield Signs should be Stop Signs) • Longer Acceleration Lanes Needed
Mt. Zion Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
Alto-Mud Creek Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage/Informational Devices (Yield Signs should be Stop Signs) • Longer Acceleration Lanes



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		Needed
Old Mud Creek Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety on Roadway Safe Access to Businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion
Charley David Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion
LC Turner Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Access to Businesses
Duncan Bridge Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety on Roadway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion Signage/Informational Devices (Yield Signs should be Stop Signs) Longer Acceleration Lanes Needed
Kudzu Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none
J Warren Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none
Level Grove Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none
Historic 441	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion Safety on Roadway (SB off ramp) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage/Informational Devices Safe Access to Businesses
Demorest Mt. Airy Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety on Roadway Traffic Congestion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage/Informational Devices (need school zone flashing lights) Safe Access to Businesses Longer Acceleration Lanes Needed
Other (please list) SR 197	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety on Roadway 	



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Summary by Segment:

Corridor Segment	Additional Comments on Preferences
<i>Segment 1: Hall County:</i> From SR369 (US129/Jesse Jewell Parkway) to just north of White Sculpture Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ramsey Rd. – needs to be access road ramping onto 365 south. (Limited sight distance southbound and heavy use of tractor trailers at this intersection.) Possibly even a red light at Ramsey Rd. Howard Rd. – trucks - maybe a red light or caution light. Overhead sign saying end controlled access, start free access. Traffic light needed at Ramsey Rd. due to multiple semi-trucks entering 365 right lane slow – several accidents here over 10 years. Need flashing light with sign to indicate when stop light is about to change to red, north and south bound lanes Ramsey Rd. needs stoplight.
<i>Segment 2: Hall County:</i> From just north of White Sculpture Road to north of Cagle Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caution light before Railroad Bridge to be watchful for cars pulling onto 365 from Cagle Rd. (2) Signs, free access, red lights, cars entering highway etc. Install timers on any red light along 365, make the light change sooner. This will keep the traffic flowing.
<i>Segment 3 : Hall County:</i> From just north of Cagle Road to just south of Alto Yonah Post Road (between Mud Creek Road and Crane Mill Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install bumper strips or other device so that vehicles will be more inclined to stop at 365 rather than “shoot” across 365. Caution lights needed. Need traffic signal at Belton Bridge Rd. (3) Need traffic signal at Mud Creek Rd. (2) Signs, free access, red lights, cars entering highway etc. Need traffic lights at intersections. Businesses need better decel and longer excel lanes.
<i>Segment 4 : Habersham County:</i> South of Alto Yonah Post Road to north of Charlie Davis Road (south of Duncan Bridge Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveling 365 south must come over a hill to the light. 365 north must come around a curve to a light. Improve turn lane from 365 onto Charlie Davis Rd.; now have confusion with a ramp from BP station and off ramp to Charlie Davis. Need caution signs. Signs, free access, red lights, cars entering highway etc. Businesses need better decel and longer excel lanes.
<i>Segment 5 : Habersham County:</i> Just north of Charlie Davis Road to just north of Demorest/Mt. Airy Road (end of corridor study limits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety issues at traffic signals at Duncan Bridge and Demorest/Mt. Airy Road. Needs to be turning signal only when making a left turn because people are trying to turn on the green light and the cars are coming too fast going south and it is very hard to make it across. Need to slow the traffic down at this



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	<p>intersection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two schools make this intersection an accident waiting to happen. An interchange at this intersection is needed to protect the safety of students and citizens. Change the "Keep Moving" sign for those turning onto 365 from Demorest/Mt. Airy back to a "Yield" sign or a full stop sign. Lengthening deceleration lane would help. Both north and south drivers come over a hill to the light. Make turn lights to operate 24 hrs day – now sometimes they do and other times not. Near Duncan Bridge Rd. and Demorest Rd., slower speed limits. Signs, free access, red lights, cars entering highway etc. Add northbound excel lane from US441 to US441 Bus. Merging problem on southbound lane same as above.

Intersection Treatment Preference Summary:

INTERSECTING ROADWAY ON SR 400	FUTURE TREATMENT		
	Intersection w/ Traffic Signal	Grade-separated Interchange w/ Ramps	No Change
Jesse Jewell Parkway		5	18
Ramsey Road	9	11	4
White Sulphur Road	3	14	9
SR 52	2	17	7
Athens Street	3	9	6
Belton Bridge Road	18	14	1
Mud Creek	13	13	3
Crane Mill Road	10	9	5
Mt. Zion Road	1	9	6
Alto-Mud Creek Road	7	9	4
Charley David Road	4	8	4
LC Turner Road	1	8	4
Duncan Bridge Road	2	20	4
Kudzu Hill	2	7	3
J Warren Road	2	7	5
Level Grove Road	3	6	10



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Historic 441	3	9	7
Demorest Mt. Airy Highway	6	17	4
Other			
Double Springs Rd./365 near high school	1		
SR 197 – one more ramp		1	
Whitehall Rd./365	1	1	
Cagle Rd./365	1	1	
Howard Rd./365 (YMCA)	1		

Additional Comments:

Signage and Signals:

- Signal Needed at SR 365 and White Hall Road
- Have left turn on Demorest/Mt. Airy only when all other traffic is stopped.
- “Yield” signs need to be big stop signs to force drivers entering 365 to wait for 65 mph traffic on 365. Trucks entering from Ramsey Rd. must be made to stop at intersection!
- The “Keep Moving” sign on Demorest/Mt. Airy should be changed back to a “Yield” sign for the right turn south onto SR 365 to improve safety.
- Demorest/Mt. Airy - would like overpass over intersection by elementary and 9th grade academy schools. 365 and Double Springs – need red-yellow-green traffic light.
- Cagle Rd. – 365 intersection needs a traffic light. From the Gainesville direction, traffic comes across the RR Bridge at a very fast speed! Blind intersection. Volume of traffic makes it impossible to safely pull onto 365 from Cagle Rd. at rush hour so people must go to the 365/52 light to enter safely.
- Need traffic signals at Belton Bridge Rd.
- Belton Bridge interchange needs directive arrows, also an acceleration lane on southbound lanes, both right and left lanes. Lanier Ice Storage needs a southbound right lane acceleration lane for trucks.
- Need a red light at Belton Bridge Rd.
- Intersections are blind for on-coming traffic on SR 365, especially with traffic volume at speeds exceeding 95 mph.
- Need traffic light at White Sulfur Rd. and no traffic light on Ramsey Rd.
- Almost all intersections northbound of Hwy 52 to intersection with Hwy 17 are yield only access. All should be converted to stop only and then access Hwy 365. Ninety percent of the people who are accessing 365 north on a location other than a red light do not stop – traffic is moving at 65-80 mph and a yield access is too dangerous.
- Howard Rd. and 365 have two major construction projects that will be ready by summer '07. The YMCA expects 2,000 cars per day and up to 3,500 per weekend. There needs to be a light or we will have serious issues with traffic.
- Major crossroads need to be interchanges with ramps. Other crossroads need to have stop lights with warning lights and signs that say to prepare to stop when light is flashing.
- Need a red light at all 4-way crossings on 365.
- Do not allow any more driveways to access 365 directly. Signage needed to direct drivers to use left lane for passing only so as not to impede the flow of traffic and cause accidents.



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- Two or three more traffic signals needed now. Enforce 65 mph speed limit aggressively, better detour plans and signage, speed up accident clean-up and investigation.
- Get rid of stop light at White Sulphur Rd.
- Interim measure— signal head sizes here not increased in almost 40 years. A 16-inch red indicator is almost twice as large as a 12-inch; exclusive left turns as this volume increases.
- More signs to show that this is not an interstate, right hand turns, red lights, be prepared to stop, etc.
- "Prepare to stop" warning signs for all traffic light intersections. This indicates light is about to change allowing a safe distance to stop. Yellow warning lights are not sufficient and nearly useless as they do not adequately warn the driver to stop. This will greatly reduce those who maintain high speed to make a light that is changing.
- Traffic lights at Cagle Road and 365 and Whitehall Road and 365.
- More signs are needed to let people know that this "is not" interstate. There are right hand turns, red lights, and cars entering.
- Warning signs are too close to traffic signal.
- SR 365 intersection at Demorest/Mt. Airy Road: (1) Safety issues associated with speed and transitions from SR 365 to Demorest/Mt. Airy; (2) Increased traffic on both roads, increased traffic associated with Hwy 441 and school traffic entering SR 365.
- Problem location - Duncan Bridge Rd. and the Lula intersection.
- Need ramp at Belton Bridge Rd., Crane Mill Rd., and Mud Creek Rd.
- Problem locations - Howard Rd., Belton Bridge Rd.
- Problem locations - Cagle Road, Belton Bridge Rd., Crane Mill Rd. Alto-Mud Creek Rd., Mud Creek Rd. intersection.
- 365 at Mud Creek Rd. is very dangerous getting on and getting off. There are a lot of big trucks from Synthetic Industries had a lot of chicken trucks. This is dangerous getting on because those trucks take up so much space there is nowhere for you to go. Someone behind you will start blowing their horn for you to go and you can't. Turning into the Kangaroo dangerous because it is a short space. Have to wait 10 minutes or longer to cross in the afternoons. There have been numerous wrecks there and several fatalities. Need a light if nothing else.

Other:

- They might consider speed limit to 55 mph since they have raised it to 65 mph. Seems there have been more accidents.
- Either limit access to bridge and red light crossings or reduce the speed to 55 mph.
- Reduce speed for left hand access to 441 South.
- The acceleration lane added at Athens St. helped a great deal.
 - Lengthened turn lanes and decel/excel lanes are welcome. Change speed (lower) approaching Demorest/Mt. Airy.
- For future, longer exit lanes are needed to carry the high volume of traffic. Especially as we must consider the potential increase in volume of traffic as this area develops commercially and residentially.
- Close railroad crossing at Athens St., Belton Bridge Rd., Crane Mill Rd., Mt. Zion Rd., Alto-Mud Creek Rd., Charley Davis Rd., LC Turner Rd., Kudzu Hill, and J Warren Rd.
- It is very difficult to enter between mile marker 49 & 48 going south, so much traffic going too fast. It is very difficult to exit at 441 going south to Commerce – you get in the right lane and you can't get over to the left because so much traffic, going too fast.
- Install median cables to prevent cross over fatalities.